


REMARKS

Applicant files this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice. It is requested that applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection dated May 13, 2003 be entered.

It is noted that claims 1-2 and 4-6 are allowable (Examiner's Answer, page 5).

Respectfully submitted,


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